

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS LAKE VILLAGE WATER ASSOCIATION TO EXTEND ITS SERVICES TO MERCER COUNTY



Outline of Need: Lake Village Water Association found itself in need of expanding in order to provide approximately 66 new customers with service.

How Rural Development Helped: USDA Rural Development assisted Lake Village Water Association with the financing of a water line extension project, allowing the connection of the new customers, as well as providing the potential of even more new connections in the future. This 11 miles of waterline extensions, and the needed appurtenances, provide the citizens of the eastern portion of Mercer County with safe, drinking water.

The funding participation consisted of a \$885,000 Rural Development loan, KIA Coal and Tobacco Grant of \$450, 000, and a contribution of \$20,000 from Lake Village Water Association. Total funding for the project is \$1,355,000.

The Results: Due to a favorable construction bid on the extension project; the funding received also allowed the opportunity for the water association to complete other improvements and plan for future improvements to the system to allow all customers to benefit from public water.

